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SUBJ: MOBUTU IN STADIUM ENCORE FEBRUARY 1

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SUMMARY. PRESIDENT MOBUTU SUMMONED PARTY FAITHFUL TO KINSHASA STADIUM FEBRUARY 1 TO CLARIFY PROBLEMS THAT HE SAID HAD ARISEN SINCE HIS SPEECH TO SAME AUDIENCE

JANUARY 4 CONCERNING NEW "RADICALIZATION" MASURES. WARNED CAWAHOLIC CHURCH TO STAY OUT OF POLITICS. EXPLAINED NATIONALIZATION AS NOT AFFECTING SMALL OWNERS AND REPATRIATION OF FOREIGN HOLDINGS AS NOT PENALQMING ZAIRIAN HOLDERS. URGED CONFIDENCE INMOANKS. DENIED THAT ZAIRE LACKED FOREIGN EXCHANGE. ON PROBLEM HIS AUDIENCE APPEARED MOST INTERESTED IN, WAGES, MOBUTU SAID WAGE COMMWZTEE WORKING HARD ON PROPOSALS AND URGED PATIENCE. SAID ZAIRE HAS REACHED POINT OF NO RETURN IN RADICALIZATION PROGRAM. END SUMMARY.

1. INTRODUCTION. MPR FOUNDED TO FOSTER WELL-BEING OF UNCLASSIFIED

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PKOPLE, TO PROVIDE PEACE AND JUSTICE, NOT CONFUSION.

SELF VKRITICISM AND REFLECTION PRODUCED RADICALIZATION PROGRAM. BUT PROGRAM NEEDS FURTHER EXPLANATION STATE TAKEOVER OF MAJOR MEANS OF PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OBVIOUSLY LEFT SOME PERSONS UNHAPPY. PRESIDENT WILL GIVE POINT BY POINT EXPLANATION.

2. REACTIONARIES. FALSE RUMORS BEGAN WHEN POLITICAL BUREAU DECISIONS WENT TO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR IMPLEMENTATION. REACTIONARIES ADVISED PEOPLE NOT TO DEPOSIT MONEY IN BANKS, THAT STATE SHOULD TAKE SAVINGS, HOMES, WIVES EVEN. ZAIRE HAD REACHED POINT OF NO RETURN IN REVOLUTION. WHO BUT PRESIDENT IDENTIFIED TEN SCOURGES WHO SOUGHT CREATION OF NEW SOCIETY, ONE WHICH WOULD AVOID

HANDFUL OF FAT BOURGEOISIE EXISTING SIDE BY SIDE WITH POOR MASSES? THIS WAS SUFFICIENT TO MAKE REACTIONARIES SHOW THEMSELVES. BISHIPS DRAFTED THEIR TRACT, THINKING THAT "THEIR SECTOR" COULD NOT BE TOUCHED.

3. ANGER OF THE PEOPLE. IN SPIRIT OF SERVICE TO PEOPLE CADRES WERE FORBIDDEN COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY AND DIRECTED TOWARDS AGRICULTURE, THUS TO MERIT RESPECT OF PEOPLE RATHER THAN PROVOKE THEIR ANGER. SAME SPIRIT OF SERVICE PROMPTED REQUIREMENT THAT CADRES MAKE FULL DISCLOSURE OF BUSINESS HOLDINGS TO BE CEDED TO STATE. ZAIRIANS SHOULD DEDICATE THEMSELVES TO ZAIRE, BUILD ZAIRE. PROPERTIES HELD ABROAD WILL BE TAKEN BY STATE, BUT HOUSES BUILT IN ZAIRE WILL NOT BE TAKEN - CONTRARY TO COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY RUMOR. NEITHER WILL REPATRIATED FUNDS BE TOUCHED BY STATE. DESPITE ADVICE OF REACTIONARIES, ZAIRIANS SHOULD BANK THEIR SAVINGS. STATE WILL NOT APPROPRIATE THEM. COMMUNISM IS NOT GOZ AIM. GOVERNMENT ONLY SEEKS STATE CONTROL OF MAJOR MEANS OF PRODUCTION TO AVOID DOMINATION BY FEW. THOSE WHO KEEP SAVINGS AT HOME SHOULD REMBER GOVERNMENT COULD SIMPLY ORDER PRINTING OF NEW BANKNOTES. BUT GOZ WOULD NOT TAKE SUCH STEP - SEEKS HARMONY, HAPPINESS OF ALL.

4. NEW SCHOOLS. NO TRUTH IN MALICIOUS RUMOR THAT NEW SCHOOLBUILDINGS ORDERED RECENTLY BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UNCLASSIFIED

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WILL BE EXCLUSIVELY FOR CHILDREN OF PRIVILEGED RETURNING FROM ABROAD. THEY WILL BE FOR THEM, BUT ALSO FOR ZAIRIAN CHILDREN UNABLE TO FIND PLACES AT BEGINNING OF LAST SCHOOL TERM.

5. LSHORTS. NOT TURE THAT STATE SO SHORT OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE IT WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO PAY FOR IMPORTS. IS TRUE HOWEVER THAT IMPORT RESTRAINT NECESSARY. COPPER

ACCOUNTS FOR 60 PERCENT OF BUDGET, BUT PRICE OF COPPER HAS  
FALLEN DRASTICALLY. IN DECEMBER ALONE COUNTRY SPENT 71

MILLION ZAIRES (\$142M) ON IMPORTS - FAR TOO MUCH. MONEY  
WASTED ON MERCEDES MIGHT HAVE BEEN SPENT ON TRACTORS.  
REACTIONARY IMPORTERS, PERSONALLY TOUCHED BY NEW MEASURES,  
ARE SOURCE OF MALICIOUS RUMORS.

6. BISHOPS. RELIGION IS MATTER OF INDIVIDUAL CHOICE. BISHOPS,  
ZAIRIAN OR FOREIGN, WARNED AGAINST INTERFERING WITH  
PROGRESS OF REVOLUTION. WHY PROBLEMS ONLY WITH CATHOLIC  
BISHOPS? ALIENATION IS ANSWER. CATHOLIC CHURCH ALWAYS  
REACTS TO GOVERNMENT DECISIONS. WHO IS CONCERNED WITH  
DAMAGING CHRIST? PRESIDENT IS 14,000 TIMES RIGHT, THEY  
(BISHOPS) WRONG. IN THEIR TRACT BISHOPS ACCUSED  
PRESIDENT OF ANTI-RELIGIOUS BIAS. HENCEFORTH PRIESTS  
WILL PREACH GOSPEL. THOSE WHO SPEAK OF MPR, MOBUTU,  
OR THE STATE WILL FIND THEIR CHURCHES CLOSED. AUTHORS  
OF TRACTS WILL BE ARRESTED. ONE DOESN'T TRIFLE WITH  
THE STATE. EVEN DEVOUT DEGAULLE IMPRISONED 15 CLERGYMEN.  
DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN TO CONTROL SCHOOLS, REMOVE  
CRUCIFIX AND RELIGION FROM CLASSROOM. NO INTENTION ON  
RECONSIDERING THIS DECISION. KIMBANGUISTS, FOR EXAMPLE,  
CAUSE NO PROBLEM - ONLY THOSE CHURCHES TAKING DIRECTION  
FROM ABROAD. THOSE WHO ARE UNHAPPY WITH THESE DECISIONS  
CAN COMPLAIN TO THE VATICAN.

7. NEW SOCIETY. UNTIL DECEMBER 30 NATION'S SOLIDARITY  
NEVER REALLY TESTED. ONE YEAR COMPULSORY MILITARY  
SERVICE WILL PRODUCE RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS. NO  
QUESTION OF PUTTING DRAFTEES IN CONCENTRATION CAMPS, AS  
RUMOR HAS IT. ZAIRE WILL BE COUNTRY OF HARMONY, PEACE,  
LOVE - NO PRISONS. NEW NOTION OF DISCIPLINE, NEW FORMS  
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OF EDUCATION WILL PRODUCE NEW ARMY - SOLDIERS OF THE  
PEOPLE.

7. WAGES/PRICES. HIGH COST OF LIVING ATTRIBUTABLE TO  
IMPORT OF FOOSTUFFS. RPDUCE MORE LOCALLY.  
PRICES WILL FALL WITH ABUDANCDN DESPITE DIFFICULTIES-  
SUCTRASMJALL IN PRICE OF COPPER - WAGE COMMISSION IS HARD  
AT WORK TRYING TO PROVIDE FAIREST POSSIBLE SHARING OF  
NATIONAL INCOME. PATIENCE.

8. OPEN HOUSE. HENCEFORTH PRESIDENCY AT MOUNT NGALIEMA  
WILL BE OPEN TO HEAR ALL WITH GRIEVANCES DERIVING FROM  
RECENT POLICHICAL BUREAU DECISIONS.

A9. CENSUYAM CENSUS OF ALL IDLE PERSONSOVER 18 NECESSARY  
TO DEAL WITH PROBLEM OF UNEMPLOYMENT. STUDENT'S YEAR OF  
COMPULSORY STATE SERVICE WILL STRENGTHEN PATRIOTISM, SENSE  
OF SOLIDARITY AMOUNG FUTURE CADRES.

10 NURSERY SCHOOLS. STATE TAKOVER OF NURSERY SCHOOLS  
NOT COMMUNIST-INSPIRED MEASURE AIMED AT SEPARATING CHILDREN  
FROM PARENTS. AIMED ONLY AT EDUCATING CHILDREN. ZAIRIAN  
WOMEN WILL BE EMPLOYED IN CARING FOR CHILDREN.  
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11. WORK BRIGADES/MILITARY SERVICE. ROAD AND FARM  
BRIGADES WILL BE FORMED. THIS SHOULD SOLVE SEVERAL  
PROBLEMS, E.G., AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERS CONGREGATED IN  
CITIES WILL BE POSTED WHERE NEEDED. YEAR'S MILITARY  
SERVICE WILL PRODUCE UNIVERSITY STUDENT WITH PRACTICAL  
BENT - ABLE TO FLY FIGHTER PLANE OR DRIVE TANK.  
YEAR OF SERVIV WMLL ALSO ALLOW OBSERVATION OF  
PROSPECTIVE UNIVERSITY STUDENT'S INTELLIGENCE, ACTIVISM,

SENSE OF SOLIDARITY.7SPZIS WILL SERVE BETTER THAN OLD  
SYSTEM OF RECOMMENDATION, WHICH FAVORED CHILDREN OF  
HIGHLY PLACED.

12. CALL FOR UNITY. NATIONAL UNDERSTANDING AND  
SOLIDARITY ARE ESSENTIAL. STRONG TERMS USED BY MOBUTU APROPOS  
OF BISHOPS SHOULD BE NO CAUSE FOR NATIONAL DISUNITY. "MY PURPOSE  
IS NOT TO DECLARE WAR ON THE BISHOPS. LET THEM NROPLHEIR  
JOB. I MAY NOT EVEN CLOSE CERTAIN CHURCHES, AS I JUST  
MENTIONED. RATHER, I WOULD ASK THESE FELLOW CITIZENS  
(BISHOPS) TO REFLECT, TO CEASE CAUSING DISTRACTION AT  
A MOMENT WHEN THE COUNTRY NEEDS ALL OF ITS SONS. . .  
I INSIST THAT HARMONY REIGN AMONG US ALL . . . I  
WANT THE PROBLEM OF THE BISHOPS THAT I TOOK UP IN ANGER  
TO DISAPPER IN THE RIVER ZAIRE.  
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